

City Scoop



FREE MINOR HOME REPAIR STILL AVAILABLE

The City's Minor Home Repair Program has provided repairs for dozens of low-to-moderate income homeowners. There are current opportunities to apply for a Minor Home Repair grant with the City of Covington. This program is funded by a Community Development Block Grant and provides free home repair for eligible minor home repair projects like repairing or replacing hot water heaters, gutter damage, and other types of problems.



To be eligible, the home must be owner-occupied and located within city limits. There is a one-year residency requirement and homeowners must have no plans to sell their home within a year. Owners must also be income eligible according to HUD income guidelines.

Income eligibility is determined by total gross annual income of ALL household members:

- Family size of one with income up to \$46,100
- Family size of two with income up to \$52,650
- Family size of three with income up to \$59,250
- Family size of four with income up to \$65,800
- Family size of five with income up to \$71,100.

If you are a Covington homeowner in need of home repair don't hesitate to call today for a brief phone screening at 253-480-2411.

CITY COMMISSION OPENINGS FOR PARKS & RECREATION AND ARTS

Now is the chance to get involved with the city as a volunteer commissioner for either the parks and recreation or arts commissions.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Two openings will be available in January for youth or adults living inside Covington city limits or within a 3-mile radius of Covington city limits. Applications are being accepted until Friday, Jan. 13 at 5 p.m.. The tentative interview date is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 24 in the early evening hours, approximately 6-7 p.m. The positions are a 3-year term, except youth serve 1-year terms. Meetings for the Parks and Recreation Commission are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Arts Commission: There is currently one opening for a youth or adult living inside Covington city limits. Applications are being accepted until the position is filled and interview dates are to be determined. This is a replacement term to finish out a 3-year term (youth serve 1-year terms). Meetings for the Arts Commission are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Applications for commission openings can be found on the city website (www.covingtonwa.gov) or by contacting Deputy City Clerk Joan Michaud at jmichaud@covingtonwa.gov.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDED TO CITY FINANCE DEPT.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Covington by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the 18th time the City of Covington has received this award.

To be eligible for the award, the city's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington D.C.

AQUATIC CENTER OFFERS FUN EVENTS AND JOBS

WARM UP AT THE AQUATIC CENTER IN DECEMBER

There are plenty of opportunities to get warm in the year-round 85 degree swimming pool at the Covington Aquatic Center. In addition to all of the regularly scheduled recreational swims, there are still two more Float-in Movies on December 9 and 16 from 8-10 p.m.. These swims are a great opportunity to have family fun or, if the kids are 6 years of age or older, they might give parents a little free time for shopping around town.

Extra Winter Break swims are scheduled for 1-2 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., Monday through Friday from December 19-30. The pool will be closed over the weekend on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

SEAHORSE DAY IN COVINGTON

Celebrate the City of Covington's first major public art piece at the Covington Aquatic Center on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The SeaHorse, by artist Ben Dye, was originally installed at the Covington Aquatic Center on December 13 in 2014. The Aquatic Center's Youth Summer Swim Team started up the following summer, and adopted the SeaHorse as their mascot.

To celebrate the SeaHorse and public art in Covington, the Aquatic Center will be giving one free admission to our 7 p.m. public swim on Tuesday, Dec. 13 with any donation of \$2 or more to the Covington Art Fund.

WORKING AT THE POOL

The Covington Aquatic Center is hiring certified American Red Cross Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors. To become certified, a lifeguard must complete an American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course which are offered throughout the country and the region, and at the Covington Aquatic Center.

Lifeguard and instructor positions are part-time with variable hours and include several different opportunities. Staff gain incredible rescue, first-aid, work, and life skills and experiences through regular practice and training. Anyone looking for an interesting and challenging employment opportunity can find more information about any city of Covington job openings at www.covingtonwa.gov/city_departments/executive/personnelandhumanservices/joblistings.php.

NEW RECREATION GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The new Winter 2017 Parks and Recreation Guide is now available online at www.covingtonwa.gov/parks or at various locations throughout Covington including city hall and the Covington Aquatics Center.

Be sure to check out page 3 for an overview schedule of all youth athletics programs for 2017. Also check out page 8 for the few specialty adult programs that are offered.

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RECREATION & ATHLETICS NEWS

As 2016 comes to an end, the Parks and Recreation Department is opening registration for their winter leagues and programs.

RECREATION

Winter classes offered by Covington Parks and Recreation are now open for registration. Classes run January-March 2017 and include gymnastics, martial arts, Kidz Love Soccer, EBI Basketball Skills, Bricks 4 Kidz, Super Sitters, Safe at Home, Kids in the Kitchen, Bootcamp, and Power Cooking classes.

Musikgarten classes will be offered on Wednesday mornings in the Community Room at City Hall. These classes are the ideal place to bring your child for singing, chanting, moving as they dance, listen and play instruments together. There is a class for toddlers (16 months- 3 years old) as well as preschoolers (ages 3 to 5 years old).

Another new addition is dance classes on Thursday evenings. There will be pre-ballet for ages 4-6, Jazz for ages 7-9, and Dance Team for ages 10-12. These classes are taught by Maia Shank, the former dance captain of the Kentlake Flames and the current Cedar Heights Sparks dance team assistant coach.

The last of the new additions are cheer and Ninja Kids Training. Both of these classes are taught by staff from Pacific NW Cheer. The Ninja Kids Training classes will focus on core strength, body control, team work, team challenges and basic tumbling skills. There are classes for both boys and girls ages 4-11. Cheer classes are also offered for boys and girls ages 5-18. Participants will learn jumps, motions, basic tumbling, and stunting.

Registration can be taken over the phone by calling the Covington Parks and Recreation Office at (253) 480-2480 or register in-person at the Covington Aquatic Center at 18230 SE 240th St. in Covington.

ATHLETICS

Winter basketball registration is now open! There are three divisions offered for kids ages 3 years old up to

8th graders. Games are held from Saturday, Jan. 14-March 4 at Mattson and Cedar Heights Middle Schools and PreK teams play at Jenkins Creek Elementary. There is also one weekday evening practice per week. Registration for spring sports is also open for soccer, baseball, and tball.

Volunteer coaches are always needed! If you can help out with basketball, please email Athletics Specialist Sean Conway for a coaching application at sconway@covingtonwa.gov.



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